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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
CALIFORNIA DISTRICT MINING OFFICE

August 18, 2011

Chester Huff
Alpha Natural Resources
854 Kirby Road, PO Box 1020
Waynesburg, PA 15370

Re: Foundation Mine
Refuse Site Alternative Analysis
Sites R3 and CR-1B
Center Township, Greene County

Dear Mr. Huff:

A review of the Coal Refuse Disposal Site Selection Report, accepted on August 24, 2009, has been completed. Candidate sites R3 and CR-1B have been determined to be the most suitable Non-Preferred sites for fine coal and coarse coal refuse disposal respectively, in accordance with the Coal Refuse Disposal Control Act, Chapter 90 regulations, and TGD 563-2113-660. You may proceed with the coal refuse disposal application process. As a reminder, the *'Anti-Degradation Supplement for Mining Permit'* must be submitted and approved before the refuse disposal application can be submitted.

Please be advised that it is a violation of the law to perform any work in conjunction with a coal mining activity without first obtaining a written permit from the Department.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Joel Koricich, P.E.
Environmental Group Manager
District Mining Operations

cc: Scott Hans, US ACOE
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